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SUBJECT: DEBT RESOLVED - DRC MISSION TO THE UN

REF: A. 08 SECSTATE 125957
¶B. 08 USUN NY 264

¶1. Vornado Realty Trust has informed USUN/HC that it received a check for \$102,999.88 on December 29, 2008 to cover outstanding rental arrears and bring the Permanent Mission of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the United Nations current through January 31, 2009. In a December 30, 2008 letter to Ambassador Atoki Ileka, Vornado reminded the PermRep that monthly charges of \$11,885.72 are due on or before the first of each month.

¶2. For several years now the DROC UN Mission has let rental arrears run up to over \$100K before finally making payment. Per Reftels, Department may wish to reinforce to the GODRC the need to abide by the terms of its lease agreement to avoid repetition of past years' arrears.
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